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SUBJ: GOVERNMENT ENQUIRY ON EVENTS APRIL 1 PUBLISHES FINDINGS;

NINE EXECUTED BY ORDER OF SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL

REF: NDJAMENA 1076

1. LATE APRIL 6 RADIO ANNOUNCED OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE GIVING FINDINGS ON APRIL 1 ATTACK ON HEADQUARTERS SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL (SMC) IN NDJAMENA AND ANNOUNCED EXECUTION EARLY MORNING APRIL 6 OF NINE OF CONSPIRATORS AT COMMAND OF SMC.

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2. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL ACCOUNT, SMC FIRST BECAME AWARE OF PLOTTING ON FEBRUARY 25 BY JUNIOR OFFICERS AND MEN OF ARMY AND NOMAD GUARD. SMC SAID TO HAVE BIDE ITS TIME, IN EFFORT COLLECT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND IDENTIFY PLOTTERS MORE PRECISELY. MORE DETAILED INFORMATION BECAME AVAILABLE MARCH 17, AND TWO WARRANT OFFICERS, HAMID DJIBRINE AND MAHAMAT ABAKAR WERE ARRESTED. SECOND LIEUTENANT BRAHIM ABAKAR KOUMBA, WHO HAD

BEEN EXPELLED FOR DISCIPLINARY REASONS FROM FRENCH FLYING SCHOOL AND WHO HAD RETURNED NDJAMENA MARCH 13, ON MARCH 31 DECIDED TAKE ACTION WHEN HE LEARNED OF SMC PLANS FOR FURTHER ARRESTS. KOUMBA SENT A WARRANT OFFICER, A CORPORAL, AND A SOLDIER TO THEIR BILLETES IN CAMP XIII APRIL, AND WITH TWO OTHERS SCALED THE WALL OF THE CAMP AT ABOUT 2300 HOURS TO ORGANIZE ATTACK ON SMC HEADQUARTERS. ANOTHER GROUP APPARENTLY ORGANIZED OUTSIDE CAMP WAS CHALLENGED BY SENTRY UPON WHOM THEY FIRED, THEREBY TOUCHING OFF FIREFIGHT THAT LASTED UNTIL DAWN. AT LEAST ONE OF MUTINEERS WOUNDED, AND AT LEAST SOME PRISONERS FREED WHO JOINED IN FIGHT. MUTINEERS APPEAR TO HAVE NUMBERED ABOUT 35. WHEN OR WHERE EIGHT SOLDIERS AND ONE FREED REBEL WHO WERE EXECUTED APRIL 6 WERE CAPTURED NOT ANNOUNCED, NOR WHETHER SMC HAS OTHER PRISONERS BELIEVED INVOLVED IN PLOT.

3. CURFEW SHORTENED AND NOW IN FORCE FROM MIDNIGHT TO 0530.

4. COMMENT: NOTEWORTHY THAT WHILE CONSPIRATORS OF 1976 ATTACK ON PRESIDENT WERE EXECUTED AFTER FINDING OF SPECIAL COURT, NINE EXECUTED YESTERDAY WAS EXECUTED ON COMMAND OF SMC, ALTHOUGH EACH SUPPOSEDLY CONFESSED. ALL EXECUTED APPEAR TO HAVE MOSLEM NAMES, ALTHOUGH NO INDICATION AS YET AS TO TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP AND BIRTHPLACES. BRADFORD

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